

Robert Armstrong to Andrew Jackson, May 27, 1836, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

COLONEL ROBERT ARMSTRONG TO JACKSON.

Nashville, May 27, 1836.

Dear Genl. I send you inclosed a note addressed to me by the Mess. Yeateman after a conversation I had with them this morning. they have always been ready and willing to do all in their power to get back the paper from those who purchased it.¹ When I call'd on Campbell I expected to get the paper, *that* night he cut it and put it on the Walls.

¹ On the walls of the central hall in the Hermitage, down stairs and up, is some beautiful wall-paper representing scenes in the life of Telemachus. It was purchased in Philadelphia, to replace that which was first sent and which fell into other hands, as here set forth. It is to be regretted that Messrs. Williams and Campbell are not more definitely described by Colonel Armstrong. By what pretext they took the wall-paper is not known.

Williams is not at home. I saw Shelly who will do nothing in it, he is not disposed to restore it, Williams *dare* not, as his wife claims it, so I call[*'d*] On the Mess. Yeateman and stated the facts who willingly proposed to purchase another set. I did not present Andrews note to them inclosed to Co[*l.*] Love but suggested [*in*] their Letter to draw on them for the amt. My dear Sir when you have this whole matter explained it will give you pain to find men so lost to all Honorable feeling as to retain that which does not belong to them, it is Theft

The person who you get the Other set from will draw on Mess. Yeatemans or myself on sight and the Draft will be paid. Send it Out as soon as posible so that we may compleate the House. Mjr. Eaton will be with you in a few days, and will explain this unpleasant affair

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and the Treatment recd. Yeatman will sue for the real value of the paper, he thinks he has been badly Treated by Williams and Campbell, he offered them any profit in advance if that was their object. let me request you to Send Out the Other without delay, as I want to see the house compleate before Mrs J. and yourself get Out. I thank you my dear Sir for your kind and affectionate Letter of 14 Inst. Houston has won all the Glory. I Trust he may reciev it for by his Gallant capture of Sant. Anna he deserves it.

In hast, Your friend and Servant